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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the application herein, please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the title to read -- IMMUNOASSAYS FOR HUMAN AND CANINE **BRAIN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE--**

On page 1 of the specification, please delete the paragraph set forth under "Cross-Reference to Related Application" and substitute therefor

-This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/287,892 filed 7 April 1999 which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/850,910 filed 5 May 1997 and now U.S. patent 5,948,761 which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 07/477,226 filed 8 February 1990 and now U.S. patent 5,674,740 which is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 07/299,880 filed 19 January 1989,